

wASHINGTON (AFP) - Conservative Republican Rick Santorum late yesterday endorsed Republican presumptive presidential nominee Mitt Romney in an email to supporters.

During his own push for the Republican nomination Santorum, a staunchly Roman Catholic former senator who withdrew from the presidential race last month, said Romney was not conservative enough.

Now however, he has told his supporters to back Romney to beat Democratic President Barack Obama in November.

Romney and Santorum met on Friday to do some fence mending after a bitter campaign, but Romney said then he was not expecting his former rival's formal backing yet.

"I felt that it was completely impossible for me to even consider an endorsement until after a meeting to discuss issues critical to those of us who often feel our voices are not heard by the establishment: social conservatives, tea-party supporters, lower and middle income working families," said Santorum. Romney "clearly understands that having pro-family initiatives are not only the morally and economically right thing to do, but that the family is the basic building block of our society and must be preserved," Santorum stressed.

"We talked about what it would take to win this election. ...The America we know is being fundamentally changed to look more like a European socialist state than the land of opportunity our founding fathers established," he argued.

At campaign events this year, arch-conservative Santorum repeatedly spoke about social themes such abortion and gay rights, two bedrock conservative issues on which Romney has changed his position over the years.

When Santorum dropped out of the race April 10 after a surprisingly strong grass roots campaign that began last year in a pick-up truck, he did not mention Romney's name.

But the Republicans must close ranks if they want to keep Obama from winning reelection in November. Jossy Kock of the Department of Public Works and Officer Kramers from the traffic control department explained important changes on two west- bound routes in Oranjestad beginning today to facilitate roadwork.

The Havenstraat, located behind the Renaissance Mall, will be closed from the intersection at the rear exit of the mall to the Westraat to allow for the laying of track for the tram through the town. Westbound traffic from the Wilhelminastraat will be redirected north at the intersection of Emmastraat/Kazernestraat to the Schelpstraat. The direction of Schelpstraat will be changed from one way eastbound to westbound. Traffic can then flow to the Weststraat where it can turn either north or south to exit the town

Traffic direction on the one block of street bordered by the square and Aventura Mall will also change, and cars will drive on the left side of the street, the English way, until the roadwork is completed. This will allow for a smoother flow of traffic. Cars headed south from Emmastraat will veer left to take Kazernestraat to get to Klipstraat and travel eastbound through Oranjestad, as it is at present, while vehicles on Wilhelminastraat will turn north onto the west side of

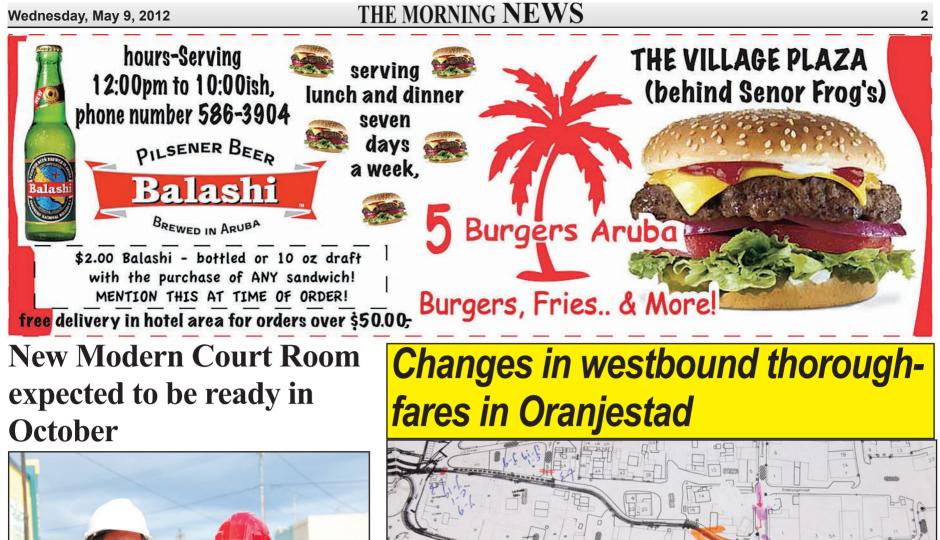
Change of street direction schelpstraat detail

that block, which is the Emmastraat, to cross over to the Schelpstraat and out of town. Work on the Havenstraat is scheduled to be completed in one month.

Additionally, improvement of the LaSallestraat will now move into another phase, and the road will be closed from the Texaco roundabout going west.

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ORANJESTAD -- The new court room building has been under restauration, renovation and expansion for many, many months. During the process of the work, those in charge of the project encountered numerous aspects of unexpected historical nature with which they had to contend. Among some of these aspects was a cistern and a section of the foundation that was extremely old. These issues resulted in delays in the work as they searched for solutions for incorporating the historical aspects into the restauration. The work is now advancing rapidly. Last Monday, the government announced that the building is expected to be completed in October. This means that our Court of Justice will be ready to function at the beginning of the new year 2013.

The government considers the new building of the Court of Justice an important part of the renovation of the city center and a major contribution to the business section in the vecinity.

After a guided tour of the new edifice, Minister Dowers was pleased with the work done by the Monumenten Bureau, Van Kessel Construction and Architect Hoevertsz

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Access will be provided for certain business in that section of road and the Imelda Kindergarten. Motorists are advised to head north of the traffic circle and take the road behind SETAR exiting at the inconvenience during this

Change of street direction schelpstraat long view RCA stadium to access the routes to Companashi and Ponton. This work is also expected to take 4 weeks to complete.

DOW apologizes for any

time and asks the public be patient while improvement of the streets in town continues.

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba's Census Bureau will open on Saturday morning

ORANJESTAD -- In connection with the upcoming busy vacation period, the Census Bureau has decided to provide services to the general public on Saturday the 12th of May especially for petitions for and the delivery of passports.

As of May 12th, every Saturday from 9:00 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon, anyone needing to request a passport or to collect a passport can do so during the hours indicated. This service on Saturdays will continue up to the 30th of June.

The Bureau is also announcing to the public that as of June 26th, 2012, in accordance with a change in the census law, it is no longer possible to add a child's name to the passport of a parent. This means that if someone is planning to travel with a child, the child is now required to have his/her very own passport. The parent's passport will remain valid until its expiration date.

When applying for a new passport or renewing a passport, it is necessary to have all the required documents. such as the old passport, valid proof of identification, the correct amount of the required application/processing fee and a professionally taken photo.

The processing of a passport takes two weeks, this is why it is unwise to wait until the very last moment to apply

for a passport.

For all other services of the Census Bureau, application or requests must be made during normal weekdays either at the Oranjestad Bureau or at the Government subsidiary services in the districts.





Dutch Caribbean Legal Portal

WILLEMSTAD - The Dutch Caribbean Legal Portal (DCLP) has a new website and is of today fully operational.

The formerly known website Curacao Legal Portal has renewed the website and scope and is as of today operational for law firms, legal services, and others in the Dutch Caribbean: Aruba, BES Islands, Curacao and St. Maarten.

The Dutch Caribbean houses a large legal community, such as law firms, legal institutions, notaries, in-house counsels, tax advisors, audit firms, trust companies and other organizations. Until 2007 there was no website with general information about the legal system of the Dutch



Caribbean in total. This prompted a group of organizations to take the initiative for creating the dutchcaribbeanlegal-website.

The Dutch Caribbean Legal Portal ("DCLP") has a wide variety of members and contacts within the legal areas of the Dutch Caribbean. DCLP offers a database of more than 400 legal organizations, including among others law firms, tax consultants, notaries, trusts, insurance, financial companies and other organizations in the Dutch Caribbean. In their database you will find addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and sometimes additional information of these organizations.

The site is aimed at national and international organizations and individuals. In order to give access to a broad audience, the language of the site is English. However it may occur that some of the laws and documents vou find on the site are in Dutch, since this is the official language of Curacao.

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Oil product prices changes today

ORANJESTAD - The Ministry of Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs announces to the general public that as of today, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, there will be changes in different oil product prices.



The new price for unleaded-premium gas will be 252.3 cent per liter, a decrease of 1.0 cent per liter

- The new price for diesel LS will be 217,3 cent per liter, a decrease of 2,5 cent

per liter.

The new price for kerosin will be 213,0 cent per liter, an increase of 1,8 cent per liter

In the new prices the BBO is already included.

New Modern Court Room expected to be ready...

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The building has three floors and will have separate sections for civil and penal cases. There will be a library, offices for court staff and a waiting room, among other areas. The reorganization and expansion of the building was necessary considering the many cases that are attended to in Aruba of late. There was also the need for lock-up cells and adequate security, etc. in such an edifice.

One of the primary objectives of the work of restaurarenovation tion. and expantion of the Court building was to guarantee optimal security for all parties concerned, both internally and externally. Another objective was to provide ultramodern services with respect to all the necessary processes of court and justice proceedings.

The new building complies completely with the prescribed national Dutch laws in keeping with the changes of the Dutch caribbean islands. With respect to justice and the improvement of the quality of justice in Aruba, the island is in complete compliance. The new building remains property of Aruba, but will be placed at the disposition of the Court of Justice.

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Opportunities for a career is decicive in whether to come back to Aruba

The belief that there are insufficient possibilities for creating a career as a professional on Aruba, is the major argument students use for not returning to Aruba after completing their studies abroad. This conclusion was drawn from an extensive research conducted by the Department of Education at the Aruba House. Head of the Department of Education, Samuel Dumfries took the initiative to prepare a questionnaire which was submitted to1500 Aruban students currently residing in the Netherlands.

Dumfries reported having received some 400 questionnaires back. He considered this a reasonable response to use as the basis for drawing a conclusion as to why students do not return to Aruba after completing their education.

According to Dumfries, the questionnaire reveals that 56% have no interest in returning home, and 44% reports being interested in returning to Aruba. However, it is obvious that there are many in that group who do not return but choose to stay in Holland.

The research also indicated that many of our students believe that there are many more opportunities in Holland for developing and growing in their professional career. These students, do not just want a job, they want a job in which there are opportunities to grow and continue to develop professionally. Only 16% of those ques-

tioned considered salaries the reason for remaining in Holland. Another 13% indicated that their reason for staying is because of job security.

The government of Aruba, obviously want to see our young professionals returning to their homeland to contribute to the growth and economy of the island. Last year, the government of Aruba introduced an incentive to get students to return to Aruba by offering them a 30% deduction on their government student loans. Hence, any student who decides to return to Aruba after completing his/her studies within 2 years of receiving their diplomas would be entitled to the 30% reduction in their student loan.

According to Dumfries, such an incentive is good, but not enough. He believes that, if we truly want our young people to return home, we must put more emphasis on their aspirations

Dumfries is convinced that we need ambitious young people, well-educated to work in the new sectors that will be created with all the innovations taking place on the island. He believes that offers and demands will be plenty. Aruba House in the Netherlands will do their utmost to facilitate the process for our young people. Samuel Dumfries gladly submitted a copy of his ambitious and well-researched work to the Minister of Education, Mr. Arthur Dowers.

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Illegal dump at Seroe Patrishi to be eliminated



PARADERA -- Last week citizens of Seroe Patrishi made it clear to the government's BoBario team what they want changed in their barrio. One thing they insisted must be changed immediately is an illegal dump at the edge of the barrio. They claim it is a very unhygienic situation and a major frustration for the entire barrio. The government promised that they will attend to the problem. Action is being taken and the big hole being used as a dump is being closed. Last Monday the Prime Minister went to the area to see for himself how the work was progressing.

The PM indicated that these types of dumps affect the quality of life of the citizens in the barrio. He mentioned that the Council of Ministers have dealt with many situations related to this type of problem. Around the island there are about 60 holes like the one in Seroe Patrishi of which 28 of them are being used as illegal dumps.

These holes were created in the past for digging for sand and/or stones. The PM reported that the Council of Ministers have formed a commission to study this situation and to advice the government as to what should be the best action to take with respect to this problem. Minister Sievinger, on the other hand, is of the opinion that not only must they eliminate the illegal dumps, but that the official dumps should be expanded. He indicated that if these dumps are not expanded and the illegal dumps be eliminated, pretty soon the official dumps will fill up.

And, new dumps will be created either in the bushes or near residential areas.

After a careful inspection of the dump in Seroe Patrishi, the decision was taken to close this illegal dump immediately. Hence, DOW is guiding the process of the closing of this dump. It is estimated that the work will take about three weeks to complete. They have cordoned off the area with chains, boulders and tubes to avoid the deposit of any future garbage. Only trucks with boulders, sand and other building debris may deposit material to help to fill-up the area even more. Once this unmsightly and dangerous dump is com-petely closed and cleaned up, the area will be a pleasant place for those living in the area.

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DCLP offers also a database of legal documents such as laws, regulations, treaties, etc. that are currently in effect in Aruba, Curacao, The BES Islands and St. Maarten. The database of legal documents contains also judgments, the docket of the Joint Court of Justice and more. DCLP is currently updating the database of legal documents and strives to provide by the end of July 2012 a complete database of laws of the Islands of the Dutch Caribbean.

DCLP also provides on a daily basis news, interviews, articles, statistics, job offerings and more by using the website, a monthly newsletter and so-

cial media. Their main purpose is to provide information to visitors about the legal system of the Dutch Caribbean and the organizations that are working with this system.

Obviously, this website is distinguishing, because it is the only website offering this type of information. In addition, DCLP continuously try to expand the different fields on which information is offered and keep all the information duly updated.

For more information please visit the website.

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Entrants are asked to create a computerized graphic

ing the logo of the Film Festival. Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, design, and how well the Festival logo is integrated into the finished product. poster The must be submitted electronically in PDF, JPEG. PSD, AI, EPS

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tion with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Entrants must include these three items of information on each poster: Aruba International Film

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Check the AIFF website, www.arubainternationalfilmfestival.com/aiff 2012/Poster .html for all the details and entry forms. Be creative, be involved and be a winner!





Hollande, Sarkozy in joint WWII commemoration ceremony



FRANCE, Paris : France's outgoing president Nicolas Sarkozy (R) and newly-elected president Francois Hollande lay a wreath as they take part in a ceremony marking the 67th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany in World War II, on May 8, 2012 at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Francois Hollande and ousted rival Nicolas Sarkozy laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris today as France marked the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. In his first official function since defeating Sarkozy on May 6, 2012, Hollande took part in ceremonies to mark the anniversary at the Arc de Triomphe along with the outgoing Sarkozy. The two stood side-by-side as a military band played the Marseillaise and the Chant des Partisans, the anthem of the French Resistance, before both shook hands with veterans. "There are issues that unite us all, beyond the person of Nicolas Sarkozy or of me," Hollande told journalists in a brief statement after the ceremony (AFP PHOTO)



MASISI : Officers with the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) show part of a seizure of weapons in Masisi district on May 8, 2012. The army said that they had recovered fifteen tons of arms abandoned by "the CNDP" (National Congress for the De-fence of the People, a former Congolese rebel group incorporated into the army which has seen several hundred defections in the past weeks), on the edge of the Virunga national park as the defecting soldiers fled to the forest. (AFP PHOTO)

THE MORNING NEWS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS Alleged Florida shooter waives right to speedy trial

MIAMI (AFP) - George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer accused of killing an unarmed black teenager earlier this year, yesterday waived his right to a speedy trial and asked for more time to prepare his case, according to court documents.

Zimmerman's lawyer presented petitions in the Florida court for the 28-year-old, who faces second degree murder charges after being freed on bail on April 23.

The motion showed the

state of Florida did not oppose the request. The law allows people accused of serious crimes to be tried within 175 days, but that time frame can be waived to allow legal teams to prepare their defense.

Zimmerman, 28, has pleaded not guilty to the charges arising from the shooting of Martin, 17, on February 26 as he crossed a gated community in the Florida town of Sanford on his way home from buying sweets at a local shop.

The case has attracted na-

tional attention, including protests led by civil rights leaders, because police initially accepted Zimmerman's claim that he shot Martin in self-defense.

They refused to arrest him until a special prosecutor finally brought second degree murder charges against him April 11.

He did not appear in court yesterday, and has been out of the public eye since being freed on bail last month.

McCain hopes Suu Kyi can visit US after getting passport

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Senior Senator John McCain said yesterday he looked forward to someday welcoming Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi to the US Congress after the opposition leader was issued a passport.

Her National League for Democracy said earlier yesterday that Suu Kyi, who spent much of the last two decades locked up in her Yangon home by Myanmar's former junta, was issued a passport as she prepares to travel abroad for the first time in 24 years.

"I'm very glad that she's got it. We look forward to greeting her here in Congress," Mc-Cain, the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee and one of the primary shapers of US policy on Myanmar, told reporters.

He did not provide an expected date for a Suu Kyi trip to Washington.

The US House of Representatives bestowed the Congressional Gold medal on Suu Kyi in 2008

Suu Kyi, 66, plans to visit Oslo next month to finally accept her 1991 Nobel Peace Prize in person, and has plans to visit Britain, where she lived for years with her late husband and their two sons before she returned to Myanmar in the late 1980s.

PERU, Lima : AFP photo

shows a pelican landing on

a fishermen's wharf in

southern Lima on May 8, 2012. A Peruvian Ministry

of Agriculture official told

AFP the death of pelicans and other sea birds

reached 4,000, accounted mainly on the beaches of northern Peru, as the government seeks to establish

Peru probes mystery pelican deaths



Colombia journalist suggests swap for French reporter

BOGOTA (AFP) - A Colombian journalist close to FARC rebels suggested releasing the founder of his press agency in jail here for the past year in return for kidnapped French correspondent Romeo Langlois.

Luis Ernesto Almario, who lives in exile in Australia, told Radio La W in Bogota that "we want to propose a prisoner swap as well as a debate on journalism in Colombia."

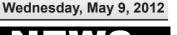
Almario, a correspondent

for Anncol agency, called for the release of its founder Joaquin Perez, who has been imprisoned in Bogota since April 2011 after being extradited from Venezuela. Perez set up the agency in Sweden in 1995

"Both of them are prisoners of war," Almario said.

Joaquin Perez has been involved with the FARC for thirty years.







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DAMASCUS (AFP) UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan said yesterday his peace plan could be the last chance to avoid civil war in Syria, where a truce has failed to end 14 months of bloodshed that monitors say has killed nearly 12,000 people.

Annan told the UN Security Council that the priority in Syria is "to stop the killing," and expressed concern that torture, mass arrests and other human rights violations are intensifying.

Regime forces "continue to press against the population," despite a putative truce that started on April 12, but attacks are more discrete because of the presence of UN military observers, diplomats quoted him as saying.

"The biggest priority, first of all we need to stop the killing," Annan told reporters in Geneva, adding that his sixpoint peace plan is "the only remaining chance to stabilise the country."

Annan briefed the council on his efforts to get President Bashar al-Assad to implement the plan, which he said was possibly "the last chance to avoid civil war."

He stressed, however, that the peace bid was not an "open-ended" opportunity for Assad, the diplomats who attended the briefing said.

US ambassador to the UN Susan Rice said Washington's goal was still the removal of Assad.

"The United States remains focused on increasing the pressure on the Assad regime and on Assad himself to step down," Rice said. "The situation in Syria remains dire, especially for the millions who continue to endure daily attacks and are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance," she told reporters

British ambassador

after

Mark Lyall Grant said Annan

told the council he intends to

return to Damascus in the

coming days, only the second

visit since his mission began

body on the status of his six-

point plan, which includes a

UN military observer mission,

a day after UN chief Ban Ki-

moon warned world powers

are racing against time to pre-

vent all-out civil war in Syria.

60 or so observers on the

ground "have had a calming

effect" and the deployment by

the end of the month of a 300-

strong team will see a "much

in military activities but there

have been "serious violations"

of the agreed ceasefire and

there have also been attacks on

government troops and facili-

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Myanmar has issued opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi with a passport, her party said Tuesday, as the former political prisoner prepares to travel abroad for the first time in 24 years.

The 66-year-old democracy icon, who spent much of the last two decades locked up in her Yangon home by Myanmar's former junta, plans to visit Oslo next month to finally accept her 1991 Nobel Peace Prize in person. (AFP)



Ukraine's Tymoshenko ending hunger strike, says daughter

KHARKIV, The Ukraine (AFP) - The daughter of Ukraine's jailed and ailing expremier Yulia Tymoshenko said yesterday her mother was ending her 19-day hunger strike while still urging EU leaders to boycott her country.

The announcement came only hours after the Ukraine was forced to shelve plans to host a regional summit after most of the participants pulled out in protest over the treatment of the 2004 Orange Revolution leader.

The opposition leader's 32year-old daughter Yevgenia said her mother had agreed to be hospitalised in the eastern city of Kharkiv today so that German neurologist Lutz Harms can "begin bringing (her) out of her hunger strike".

President Viktor Yanukovych's great rival was jailed for seven years in October following an abuse of power trial that was bitterly criticised by the United States and European Union for its political overtones.

The West's anger intensified when Tymoshenko began a fast after claiming to have been



dragged against her will to a local hospital for treatment of a bad back that was keeping her from attending her new trial.

That hearing -- now suspended until May 21 -- can theoretically extend her time in prison until 2023. Tymoshenko claims fearing being poisoned or infected by local hospital doctors.

Her daughter said the decision to end the hunger strike was taken in consultation with the visiting German medics and that the full recovery period from such a long stretch without food lasted "up to two weeks". "It is impossible to start treatment immediately because of the hunger strike," Yevgenia Tymoshenko said.

The decision however is unlikely to ease Europe's anger over Tymoshenko's treatment and comes amid the first signs of a growing EU boycott of the country making its first tangible impact.

The Ukraine had earlier in the day been forced to cancel a Central European summit it was to begin hosting on Friday in the Crimean resort of Yalta after most of the participants pulled out. The event was meant to be a Ukrainian showpiece one month before Ukraine co-hosts Euro 2012 football with Poland.

But the foreign ministry said it was postponing the meeting "in connection with the fact that a number of European leaders are unable to take part in the Yalta summit for different reasons."

Yanukovych had been facing the prospects of hosting an embarrassingly lonely summit after at least 10 EU leaders let it officially be known that they could not attend.

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China students use intravenous drips for exams

Beijing, China (AFP) - Students in central China have resorted to classroom intravenous drips as a study aid to prepare for the nation's notoriously difficult college entrance exams, state press said Tuesday.

Photos showing students at Xiaogang high school in Hubei province hooked up to hanging bottles of amino acids have gone viral on the web, eliciting shocked concern over how far Chinese students will go to get into university.

According to school official Gao Pingqiang, the preexam injection has become popular with the students as it has no harmful health effects and helps the students relax,



the China Daily reported.

Many in China's population of over 1.3 billion people have long viewed the June college entrance exams as a make-or-break test that can determine future careers and life paths.

The China Daily reported the government is investigating the intravenous drips.

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HEALTH & LIVING

British woman makes marathon history in **bionic suit**

LONDON (AFP) -A paralysed British woman became the first person to complete a marathon in a bionic suit as she crossed the finishing

line in London on Tuesday 16 days after the race began. Claire Lomas was in tears but said she was "over the moon" as she completed the 26.2-mile (42.2 kilometre) course in her bionic ReWalk suit, which mimics the response that the wearer's joints would make if they

> were not paralysed. Hundreds of peo-

ple lined the streets and three mounted members of the Household Cavalry gave the 32-year-old a guard of honour as she finished the course on The Mall in central London.

Lomas, a former chiropractor who was left paralysed from the chest down following a horse-riding accident five years ago, said: "There were times when I questioned whether I would make it when I was training.

"Once I started, I just took each day as it came and every step got me a step closer."

She walked about two miles a day, cheered on by her husband Dan and their 13-month-old daughter Maisie, and her parents.

Lomas will not appear in the official results and did not receive a medal when she finished as competitors have to complete the course on the day of the race to qualify for a medal. But a dozen other runners in the race have given her their own medals in recognition of her achievement.

Lomas, who now works as a jewellery designer, raised more than £86,000 (\$140,000, 107,000 euros) for a charity which funds research to develop treatments for paralysis caused by a broken back or neck.

"I have had tremendous support since my accident which I am so grateful for, some don't have that," she said.

"Some people lose the use of their arms as well. A cure needs to be found."

The £43,000 ReWalk suit, designed by Israeli entrepreneur Amit Goffer, enables people with lower-limb paralysis to stand, walk and climb stairs through motion sensors and an onboard computer system.

Canada teen discovers tree pulp has anti-aging **benefits**

OTTAWA (AFP) - An Ontario teenager who recently moved from Singapore to Canada won a national science award Tuesday for her groundbreaking work on the anti-aging properties of tree pulp, officials said.

Janelle Tam, 16, won the \$5,000 award in the 2012 Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada for showing that cellulose, the woody material found in trees that enables them to stand, also acts as a potent anti-oxidant.

"Her super anti-oxidant compound could one day help improve health and anti-aging products by neutralizing more of the harmful free-radicals found in the body," Bio-science Education Canada said in a statement.

Tam's work involved tiny particles in the tree pulp known as nano-crystalline cellulose (NCC), which is flexible, durable, and also stronger than steel.

"NCC is non-toxic, stable, soluble in water and renewable, since it comes from trees," said Tam, a student at Waterloo Collegiate Institute.

She chemically bound NCC to a well-known nanoparticle called a buckminster fullerene, or buckyballs, which are already used in cosmetic and anti-aging products.

"The new NCC-buckyball combination acted like a 'nano-vacuum,' sucking up free radicals and neutralizing them," said Bioscience Education Canada.

"The results were really exciting," Tam said in a statement, adding that since cellulose is already used as filler and stabilizer in many vitamin products, one day she hopes NCC will make those products into super-charged free radical neutralizers.



Toyota unveils 'first all-electric SUV'



LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Toyota unveiled Monday what it says is the first allelectric sports utility vehicle (SUV) on the market, a version of its popular RAV4 with a top range of 100 miles and minimum six-hour charge time.

The car will be sold initially only in California with a base price of \$49,800, and the Japanese car company hopes to sell a relatively modest 2,600 units over the next three years.

Toyota Motor Sales USA executive Bob Carter said the company believes the car will "attract sophisticated early technology adopters, much like the first-generation Prius," Toyota's pioneering hybrid car launched 15 years ago.

"It's all about blending the best of two worlds... The allnew RAV4 EV marries the efficiency of an EV with the versatility of a small SUV -- in fact, it is the only all-electric SUV on the market," he added.

The car, which costs more than twice as much as the gas version of the RAV4 and would have difficulties with out-of-town driving for any distance, may struggle to find a mass appeal.

"It's designed for consumers who prioritize the environment and appreciate performance," said Carter, adding that the new car will go on sale later this summer in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

Diego. "We look forward to seeing how the market responds," he added, unveiling the car at the 26th annual Electric Vehicle Symposium in Los Angeles.

Japan's Sharp to sell talking robot vacuum cleaner



TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese electronics giant Sharp said Tuesday it had created a robot vacuum cleaner capable of recognising and responding to simple voice commands in several languages.

The Cocorobo understands dozens of phrases such as "good morning", "clean the room" and responds differently "depending on the cleaning situation", Sharp said in a statement.

It will also update owners on the battery level, when the dust collector needs emptying and such and even has a camera to take snaps of areas that need cleaning.

The robot speaks standard Japanese as well as English, Chinese and western Japan's Kansai dialect, used in areas around the city of Osaka where Sharp is based, the company said.

The company did not give the price of the new cleaner, which it will start selling in June, but Kyodo news agency said the model equipped with conversation and camera functions is to sell for about 130,000 yen (\$1,630).



Microsoft offers \$99 Xbox consoles with a catch

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Microsoft on Monday began testing whether a pricing strategy that has been a hit with smartphones will invigorate sales of its Xbox 360 videogame consoles.

The technology titan began offering four-gigabyte consoles bundled with Kinect voice-and-gesture sensing controllers at select Microsoft stores in the United States for \$99.

The catch is that buyers must subscribe for two years to the Xbox Live Gold online service for games, films, music and play. The monthly subscription fee was \$15, bringing the total cost to about \$460 over time.

Paying for the console, Kinect, and Live memberships up front at prices advertised online Monday indicated that buyers would break even or perhaps save as much as \$40 by paying up front.

The tactic of subsidizing hardware with an eye toward profiting in the long run has served telecom carriers well when it comes to smartphone buyers who snap up handsets at heavy discounts but lock into contracts for service.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -

Google on Monday began

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Hangouts On Air were in-

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terly earnings report last month that market-leading sales of Xbox consoles had softened.

Money taken in by the company's Entertainment and Devices Division that had been ablaze due to Xbox and its Kinect accessory dropped 16 percent to \$1.6 billion in the recently ended quarter.

Google+ rolls out 'Hangouts On Air' worldwide

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Google+ engineering director

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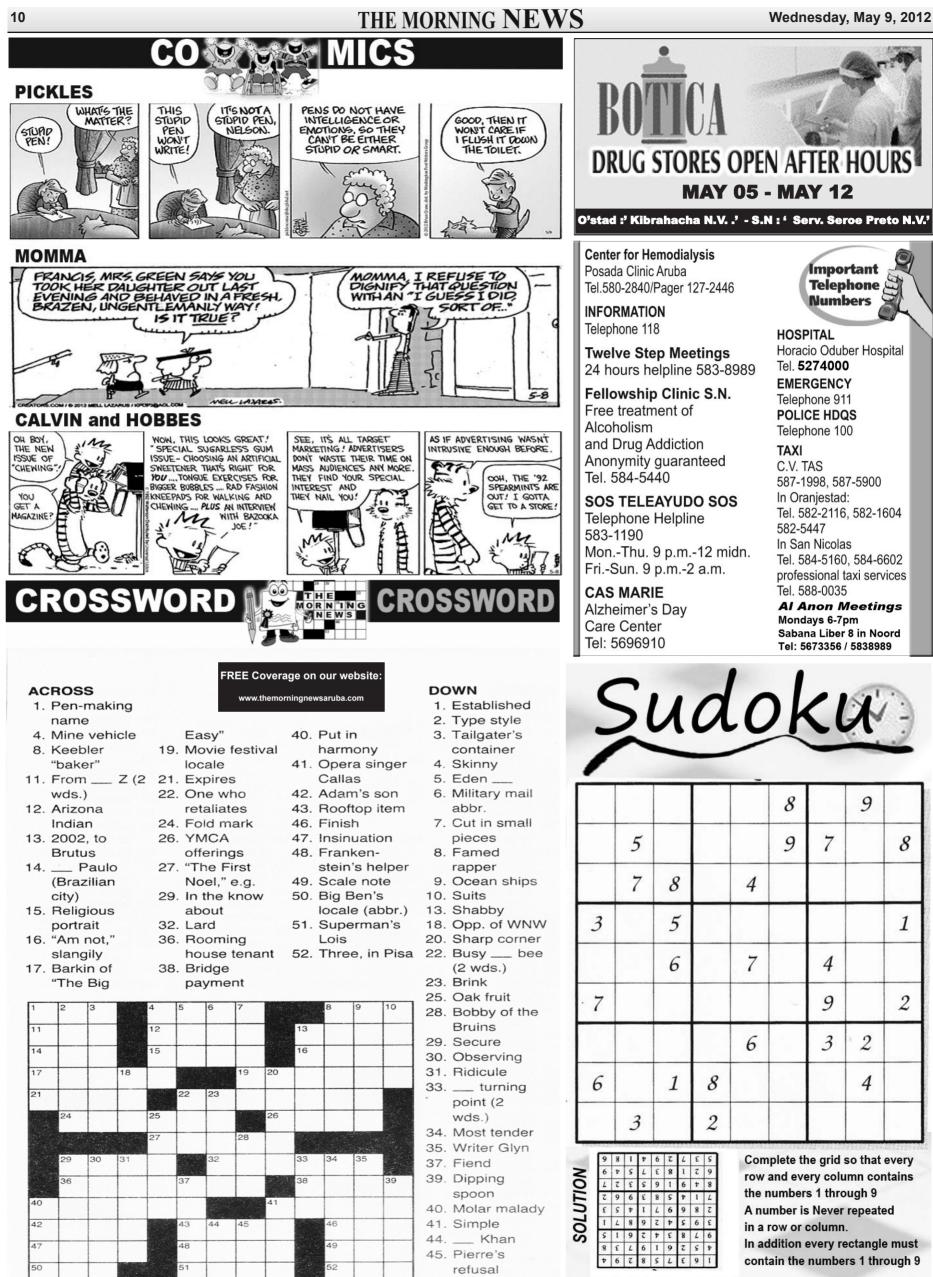
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stations takes some doing." The unique Hangouts fea-

ture has been a huge draw at the online community.

Hangouts can be limited to invited friends or opened to anyone.

Hangouts have surprised the Google+ team. They have been used for language and music lessons. A stutterers' support group uses them for group meetings, and let bedridden people virtually explore the world.



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Finance India signals it will still pursue Vodafone over tax

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India vowed yesterday to push ahead with controversial legislation allowing it to retroactively tax such companies as British mobile phone giant Vodafone over cross-border business deals.

The measure, which has stirred huge protests abroad from foreign investors, would oblige overseas firms to pay tax on transactions involving Indian assets routed through tax havens.

"India cannot become a notax country... a tax haven" to lure international investors, finance minister Pranab Mukherjee told parliament.

The amendment to India's Income Tax Act would bypass a Supreme Court ruling dismissing a \$2.2-billion tax bill imposed on Vodafone over its takeover of Hong Kong-based Hutchison Whampoa's Indian cellular unit in 2007.

Mukherjee did not mention Vodafone by name but said "either you pay tax here or in your own country."

"There cannot be a situation where a somebody will make money on an asset located in India and will not pay tax either in India or the country of its origin," he told lawmakers.

"The legislature has the right to make arrangements to correct the court judgement," Mukherjee added. "Lawmaking power resides in parliament."

The deal was struck between Vodafone's Dutch subsidiary and a company based in the Cayman Islands, a tax haven, that held Hutchison Whampoa's India assets.

Mukherjee clarified that India would not target those deals that take place in countries with which India has double tax avoidance agreements.

But New Delhi has no such accord with the Cayman Islands. India contends Vodafone should have withheld the amount the seller, Hutchison,

would have owed in capital gains tax when it sold the Indian unit for \$10.7 billion.

Vodafone successfully argued in the Supreme Court the deal was exempt from any tax because the sale took place abroad and both buyer and seller were from beyond India's borders. It also noted it was the purchaser and made no gain.

Vodafone, India's biggest foreign corporate investor, has threatened to take the country to international arbitration if it pursues the demand for the tax.

The cash-strapped Indian government had been widely expected to plug merger tax loopholes.

But the retrospective nature of the legislation, unveiled as part of the national budget, stirred an international outcry at a time when India urgently needs big-ticket foreign investments to upgrade its dilapidated infrastructure and spur slowing economic growth.

INDONESIA, Jakarta, Java -- AFP photo shows a Lamborghini sports car driving through traffic in the Indonesian capital city of Jakarta on May 8, 2012.

fastest-growing econo mies in the world and yet its ports, roads and airports are hopelessly inadequate for the pace of growth it hopes to sustain, according to investors and analysts.

Pressure builds on France's Hollande over EU debt plans

PARIS (AFP) - Pressure built on president-elect Francois Hollande to stand by France's austerity vows yesterday, with Germany's Angela Merkel saying Europe was counting on them to resolve the bloc's debt crisis

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of anti-austerity feeling and pledges to put growth at the heart of European economic policy, Hollande joined his ousted right-wing rival Nicolas Sarkozy in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, as France marked the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.

Hollande said the ceremony was a sign of French unity after a fierce campaign that highlighted the country's deep leftright divide and saw him win with 51.6 percent of the vote.

But outside France divisions came to the fore, as Merkel noted in a letter to Hollande that he was assuming power in the European Union's second-largest economy "at a time full of challenges".

"It is up to us to take the

necessary decisions for the European Union and the eurozone, to prepare our societies for the future and protect and advance prosperity in a sus-tainable way," Merkel wrote in the letter.

Merkel said Monday that she would welcome Hollande with "open arms" when he makes his first foreign trip as president to Berlin next week.

But she also made clear she had no plans to renegotiate the fiscal pact setting tough budgetary rules for EU states that she spearheaded, despite calls by Hollande to rework it to do more to foster growth.

Japan joined those raising concerns about his plans yesterday, with Finance Minister Jun Azumi warning Hollande to keep France's fiscal discipline in place.



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IMF urges Germany to rebalance economy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The IMF said yesterday that Germany's prospects for economic recovery look "favorable" but urged the country to do more to rebalance European growth and end the continent's debt crisis.

After talks in Berlin, the International Monetary Fund issued a statement warning that Germany remains vulnerable to the problems roiling southern Europe, even if its domestic economy was solid.

"The conditions are in place in Germany for a domestic demand-led recovery" after a slowdown late last year, the IMF said.

But deeper crises in Greece, Spain, Portugal or Ireland "would spill over into Germany directly through real and financial channels."

The IMF said Germany could do more to help address the structural imbalances that have foreshadowed the crisis by deepening its own reforms.

For decades Germany's growth has been built on the success of its exports, making it heavily reliant on consumers in places like Greece.

The IMF encouraged Germany to seek out more "domestic demand-led growth."

"The reduction of imbalances in the euro area would be helped by the natural rebalancing of Germany's economy," the Washington-based Fund said.

The IMF also called on Berlin to help in "articulating more clearly the Economic and Monetary Union's shared vision of the post-crisis architecture," in order to boost market confidence.

Germany has become a reluctant savior for debt-wracked European nations, offering the bulk of cash for European Union bailouts but rejecting some wide-reaching reforms to monetary and fiscal policy that involve broader burden sharing.

The rescues are deeply unpopular in Germany, leading to taxpayer resentment that often appears poised to spill over into the political sphere and poison joint European efforts to tackle the crises.

The IMF stressed the risks for German banks inherent in the crisis.

It is "important to ensure that risks from the global activities of large banks are fully understood and internalized."

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Japan's emperor to attend British queen's jubilee



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's emperor and empress will visit Britain next week to attend events celebrating 60 years since Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, the government said Tuesday.

Akihito and his wife Michiko will arrive in London on May 16, and are scheduled to attend a luncheon hosted by the queen at Windsor Castle near London on May 18, the Imperial Household Agency, said.

The 78-year-old emperor, who underwent heart bypass surgery in February, has been cleared by his doctors for the couple's first overseas trip since 2009, when they visited Canada and Hawaii.

It will be the eighth time the emperor has visited Britain; his first trip there was as crown prince in 1953 for the queen's coronation.

On a 1998 state visit to Britain, the imperial couple were jeered by former prisoners of war held captive by Japan during World War II.

Several one-time PoWs turned their backs on the emperor as he was being driven through London's streets

A small but vocal minority in Britain say Japan has not made full recompense for its treatment of combatants.



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'Where The Wild Things Are' author Sendak dies

NEW YORK (AFP) - Maurice Sendak, the author who introduced millions of children worldwide to mischievous Max and his monsters in "Where The Wild Things Are," died Tuesday, his publisher said. He was 83.

"He died on Tuesday in Danbury, Connecticut. The cause was complication from a recent stroke," Erin Crum, at HarperCollins in New York, told AFP.

Critics say it is impossible to imagine children's literature without Sendak, a New Yorker whose darkly original works across a 60-year career have been translated into dozens of languages.

He "wrenched the picture book out of the safe, sanitized world of the nursery and plunged it into the dark, terrifying and hauntingly beautiful recesses of the human psyche," according to The New York Times.

The New York Daily News said he'd possessed "the highest order of genius."

Although the 1963 "Where The Wild Things Are" is the best known, being turned into a popular movie in 2009, Sendak penned and illustrated nearly 50 books, including the acclaimed "Little Bear" series.

Memorable works include "Pierre" about a troublesome child whose constant refrain throughout the book is "I don't care!"

Other perennial favorites are "Really Rosie," "In the Night Kitchen," and "Outside Over There." In his later career, he put his visual imagination to work as a set and costume designer for major opera and ballet productions in Britain and the United States.

He won the prestigious Caldecott prize for children's literature, the Newbery medal, the international Hans Christian Andersen Award, a National Book Award, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and a National Medal of Arts.

President Barack Obama read "Where the Wild Things Are" to children at the annual White House Easter egg roll on April 9, mimicking the monsters in a loud voice.

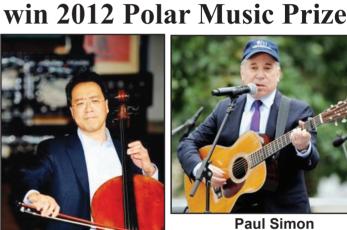
Another presidential accolade came from Bill Clinton in 1996, who described Sendak as having "singlehandedly revolutionized children's literature."

Born to Polish-Jewish immigrant parents in Brooklyn, New York, he grew up in the shadow of the Holocaust in which many of his relatives had perished.

However, he was uninterested in being a practicing Jew, saying his "gods" were the great authors and composers. "These are wonderful gods who have gotten me through the narrow straits of life," he told NPR.

He said old age brought him sadness because friends "die and I can't stop them. They leave me and I love them more." But of his own eventual death, he said, "I'm ready, I'm ready.'

Actor Elijah Wood, who starred in movies based on another children's classic, J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," Tweeted: "Mau-rice Sendak has left us for the land of the wild things. May he carry on adventuring."



Yo-Yo Ma and Paul Simon

Yo-Yo Ma

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Acclaimed Chinese-American cellist Yo-Yo Ma and "worldclass songwriter" Paul Simon, also of the United States, have won this year's Polar Music prize, organisers said in Stockholm Tuesday.

Born in Paris to Chinese parents and having grown up in the United States, "Yo-Yo Ma has dedicated his virtuosity and his heart to journeys of musical exploration and discovery around the world," the jury said in its citation.

"With a cello and curiosity in his wake, Yo-Yo Ma has ... united people from every continent," it said, adding that the 56-year-old cellist was "living proof that music is communication, passion and the ability to share experience.

As for 70-year-old Paul Simon, the jury insisted "nobody else is more deserving of the epithet of 'world-class songwriter'.'

"For five decades, Paul Simon has built bridges not only over troubled waters but over entire oceans by (re)joining the world's conti-



Paul Simon

nents with his music," the jury said, referring to his smash hit "Bridge over Troubled Water" when he was part of a famous duo with Art Garfunkel in the 1960s.

"With consummate skill, innovative arrangements and provocative lyrics that never fail to capture the currents of his age, Paul Simon has compiled a library of songs which will remain open to future generations," the jury concluded.

The winners will receive one million kronor (112,400 euros, \$146,100) in prize money from Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf at a ceremony at the Stockholm Concert Hall on August 28.

The Polar Music Prize was founded in 1989 by the late Stig Anderson, the publisher, lyricist and manager of iconic Swedish pop group ABBA.

The prize, which has been awarded since 1992 when it went to former Beatle Paul McCartney, has also been won by American jazz star Dizzy Gillespie, Elton John, Peter Gabriel, Pink Floyd and Italian composer and conductor Ennio Morricone.

Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



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Le Petit Café in Palm of flora, it provides a delight-Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the such as seafood crepes, harbor; particularly as the sun crispy calamari, and escargot. their Early Bird Special not delicious meal, but put you in the right place at the right time to enjoy Aruba's most ily be accommodated. spectacular daily performance; our stunning sunsets.

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We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of The Early Bird special of- the day, and Le Petit Café has fers a choice of a full sized also long been famous for the other unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also lo-Petit Café restaurant can be Cooking your main course found only a short stroll away on the stone is a supremely from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate in-



ken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community



vestment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spo-

pool areas, The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the is-

environment, with land quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services , car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities. Visit their website: www.

goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

THE MORNING NEWS Djokovic fuming after debacle on blue clay

MADRID (AFP) -Novak Djokovic scraped and slid to an opening victory at the Madrid Masters on Tuesday, then let loose with a blistering appraisal of the event's controversial blue clay courts.

The Serb is playing for the first time since losing the Monte Carlo final to Rafael Nadal, the second seed here who has so far led the criticism against the blue look.

Djokovic beat the Spaniard for the Madrid title a year ago, backing up that win with another for the trophy in Rome.

"That was not tennis, either I need football shoes of some advice on how to play on this court," said the Serb top seed after beating Spain's number 137 Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

"I cannot find the words to describe this court. It's really tough to play like this on a centre court.

"We cannot change anything this year, but my first impressions are not good. I don't want to be the one complaining, but I say honestly what I feel.

"We need serious discussion about the future of this blue clay.'

The blue-clay plan was put into action by the tournament's billionaire impresario Ion Tiriac, the man who brought catwalk models onto court as ball-girls in another experiment that has paid public relations dividends for the ATP-WTA Masters 1000.

But Djokovic says the differences with the red clay surface to which players are more accustomed are stark.

"This has no similarities with red clay, it's totally different," said Djokovic, winner of the 2011 edition over home hero Rafael Nadal. "It's much more slippery.

"The material of blue clay and red clay are different. When you slide on red clay you can feel when you stop. Here you are always slipping.

"Most players I've spoken to share the opinion that the court is slippery."

"I don't know how it will turn out in my next match. But I'm here to win. This is



my work and I take things about this situation very seriously."

Djokovic said the players were overlooked in the decision to trial the controversial material.

Czech sixth seed Tomas Berdych advanced over South African Kevin Anderson 6-4, 6-3, paving the way for a trio of French seeds.

Number nine Gilles Simon beat Fabio Fognini 6-7 (1/7), 6-3, 6-3 after playing his last match eight days ago in the Bucharest final against the Italian.

Gael Monfils, the number 12, returned after six weeks out with an abdominal injury and put out German Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-5, 6-7 (2/7), 6-3.

Estoril finalist Richard Gasquet won a marathon in two and three-quarter hours against Thomaz Bellucci 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).

Estoril champion Juan Martin del Potro eased past Florian Mayer 6-4, 6-2.

The two leading women both reached the third round, with top seed Victoria Azarenka made to struggle by Czech Andrea Hlavackova before emerging 6-3, 7-6 (7/2) winner.

The Belarus player was serving for a quick straightset result but was broken as her opponent pulled level at 5-5 in the second set.

The seed had to save a set point in the 12th game to bring on a tie-breaker, which finally saw her through with 32 winners in one and threequarter hours.

"The surface is a bit slippery, but it's the same for all of us," she said of the blue clay court surface.

"I don't like to complain - it is what it is and it won't change now."

Second seed Maria Sharapova defeated another Czech in Klara Zakopalova 6-4, 6-3, firing 18 winners and breaking five times.

The Russian, whose match was started before 11:00 am (0900 GMT) due to the demands of television, said that a few days of training on the blue clay surface last week paid dividends.

"It's not so much about the colour. It does look good on television. But it plays a bit different. It's about the amount of clay on the court and the way it bounces," she said.

"You have to get used to it but I came here after winning Stuttgart and got in four or five days on it. I got settled in so it's just a matter of adjusting. It's also the same for everyone."

Number 13 Ana Ivanovic defeated Nadia Petrova 7-5, 6-1.



FRANCISCO SAN (AFP) - Major League Baseball's disciplinary officials slapped Guillermo Mota with a 100-game ban Monday after the San Francisco Giants player tested positive for performanceenhancing drugs.

100 games

Mota, who was suspended for 50 games in 2006, becoming just the third American professional baseball player to be suspended two times for a failed drug test.

The former New York Met tested positive for clenbuterol, which is on the International Olympic Committee's

Greece prepares to light Olympic flame



list of banned substances.

"The Giants are disappointed to learn of Guillermo Mota's suspension," the Giants said in a statement. "We support Major League Baseball's drug prevention and treatment program."

Cyclist Alberto Contador of Spain was suspended for two years after testing positive for clenbuterol at the 2010 Tour de France. American swimmer Jessica Hardy tested positive for the drug in 2008 and was given a oneyear ban.

Former Mets batboy Kirk Radomski admitted in 2007 to giving clenbuterol and other performance-enhancing drugs to current and ex-baseball players. He was sentenced to five years of probation.

Mota, a 14-year veteran, has an 0-1 record with a 5.06 earned run average for the Giants this season.

The other players sus-pended twice for a failed drug test are outfielder Manny Ramirez and catcher Eliezer Alfonzo. A third suspension would result in a lifetime ban.



ATHENS (AFP) - The Olympic flame for this summer's London Games will be lit Thursday in Ancient Olympia, the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) announced on Tuesday.

The Flame will be lit "with every solemnity, according to the traditional way," the HOC

said in a statement.

Ceremonies at the site where the first Olympics were held some 2,800 years ago will be attended by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge, London 2012 Olympics Organising Committee President Lord Sebastian Coe as well as other IOC members, British and Greek officials.

An eight-day torch relay covering 2,900km around Greece will follow, taking in five archaeological sites and ending on May 17 with the arrival of the flame at the old Athens Olympic Stadium where the first modern Games were held in 1896.

At an evening ceremony at the stadium the flame will be handed over to the British delegation to continue its journey to London.

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Spurs sweep Jazz in four straight

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AFP) - The San Antonio Spurs swept the Utah Jazz out of the first round of the NBA playoffs Monday, hold-ing on for an 87-81 win

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thanks to a balanced attack that saw five players score double figures.

Manu Ginobili scored a team-high 17 points and Tim Duncan had 11 points and five rebounds for the topseeded Spurs, who went on a 20-2 scoring run in the second half to seize command of game four in their Western Conference series.

"We didn't lose our composure. That was great," Duncan said. "We used the clock when we could. We took advantage of plays when we had to and found a way to close it out."

In the other West game, Chris Paul dominated in overtime as the Los Angeles Clippers moved to the brink of advancing to the second round with a 101-97 win over Memphis.

The Clippers lead the bestof-seven series 3-1 and can close it out with a win in game five today in Memphis. In Utah, France's Tony Parker had 11 points for the Spurs, who won the series 4-0, while Gary Neal also had 11 and Tiago Splitter contributed 10.

For the Jazz, Al Jefferson tallied a game-high 26 points, Devin Harris had 19 and Derrick Favors finished with 16 points and 10 boards.

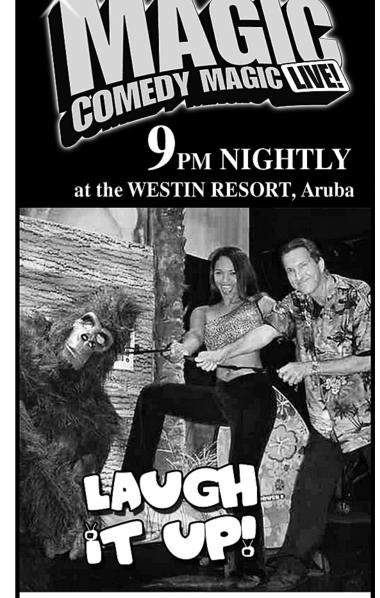
Hamels suspended five games

NEW YORK (AFP) -Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels was suspended five games and fined by Major League Baseball on Monday for hitting Washington Nationals batter Bryce Harper with a pitch.

Hamels admitted he threw on purpose at rookie Harper, striking him in the back with a pitch in the first inning of the Phillies 9-3 win on Sunday.

day. "They're probably not gonna like me for it, but I'm not going to lie and say I wasn't trying to do it," Hamels said after the game. "I think they understood the message."

Harper stole home plate later in the first inning Sunday for Washington's first run of the contest.



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American League			ue	National League					
East	W	L	Pct GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB	
BALTIMORE	19	10	.655	WASHINGTON	18	10	.643		
ТАМРА	19	10	.655	ATLANTA	18	12	.600	1.0	
TORONTO	16	13	.552 3.0	NY METS	16	13	.552	2.5	
YANKEES	15	13	.536 3.5	ΜΙΑΜΙ	15	14	.517	3.5	
BOSTON	12	16	.429 6.5	PHILADELPHIA	14	16	.467	5.0	
Central				Central					
CLEVELAND	17	11	.607	ST. LOUIS	18	11	.621		
DETROIT	14	14	.500 3.0	CINCINNATI	15	13	.536	2.5	
CHICAGO	13	17	.433 5.0	HOUSTON	13	16	.448	5.0	
KANSAS	9	19	.321 8.0	PITTSBURG	12	16	.429	5.5	
MINNESOTA	7	21	.250 10	CHICAGO	12	17	.414	6.0	
West				MILWAUKEE	12	17	.414	6.0	
TEXAS	19	10	.655	West					
OAKLAND	15	14	.517 4.0	LA DODGERS	19	10	.655		
SEATTLE	14	17	.452 6.0	SAN FRANCISCO		15	.483	5.0	
LA ANGELES	13	17	.433 6.5	ARIZONA	14	16	.467	5.5	
	.0	.,		COLORADO	12	16	.429	6.5	
				SAN DIEGO	10	20	.333	9.5	
x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ									

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Del Bosque 'worried' about Villa's Euro chances

MADRID(AFP) - Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque has admitted he is worried about David Villa's chances of competing at Euro 2012, only days after pledging to wait until the last moment before ruling out his injured striker.

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Spain's bid to successfully defend their European title suffered a blow Tuesday when it was announced Barcelona defender Carles Puyol would likely be unavailable due to imminent knee surgery.

Now Villa -- dubbed 'King David' thanks to his 51 goals in 82 internationals -- could become the second high-profile name on Del Bosque's absentee list in Poland and Ukraine this summer.

He fractured his left tibia in Barcelona's Club World Cup semi-final win over Al Sadd in Japan on December 15.

And despite showing signs of recovering, his lack of match fitness once the Euro rolls around would give Del Bosque a selection dilemma.

"He is giving his all and recovering quickly, but he still has not played," Del Bosque said in comments broadcast on Cadena Ser radio Tuesday.

"We are on tenterhooks. We are worried because, of course, it is difficult for us to take someone who has not played one game."

Barcelona defender Puyol, meanwhile, faces six weeks on the sidelines depending on the outcome of the exploratory knee surgery he is scheduled to undergo on Saturday.

The club said Puyol would need about six weeks to recover.

McClean death threats after Republic Euro call-up

LONDON (AFP) - Republic of Ireland winger James Mc-Clean has received death threats after being included in Giovanni Trappatoni's squad for the 2012 European Championships.

McClean played at Under-21 level for his native Northern Ireland, a British controlled province, but took the controversial decision to 'cross the border' and pursue a senior international career with the independent Republic.

The 23-year-old, a rising star with English Premier League side Sunderland, was included in veteran Italian manager Trappatoni's squad on Monday after just one substitute appearance for the national side.

McClean reacted to news of his call-up for Euro 2012 by saying on social networking site Twitter: "Absolutely honoured and couldn't be happier to have been called up to represent my country at the Euros. No better feeling."

He later told the Mail: "To be called up to represent Ireland has always been a personal dream of mine and to be associated with players who I have watched myself is very special.

"I can't wait to join up with the squad and start to focus on the Championships."

Irish state law allows anyone born in Northern Ireland to accept public office in the Republic and, consequently, the rules of the Football Association of Ireland, which is only responsible for the game south of the border, allow any player born on the island of Ireland to represent the Republic.

